

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0070] with the following amended paragraph:

[0070] Published content does not have to be stored locally in the MMS publishing system 7. The MMS publishing system 7 may also be used to access published content that is hosted remotely on the Internet or some other network. Figure 7 illustrates how this may be accomplished. In the illustrated embodiment, the MMS publishing system 7 is connected (either directly or indirectly) to the Internet 31. The MMS publishing system 7 receives an MMS “*” message with a keyword (“dashboard” in the illustrated example) directed to the telephone number of a particular user, for requesting the content. The MMS publishing system 7 maps the destination telephone number to a target URL associated with a Web server 71 on the Internet 31. The MMS publishing system 7 responds to the request by sending, for example, a standard HTTP 1.1 GET request over the Internet 31 to the Web server 71. The keyword is passed to the Web server 71 as a parameter of the target URL in the GET request, as shown. The request may be “stateful”, such that it may include one or more cookies used by the target application on the Web server ~~31~~ 71. In addition, the request may include a client certificate, which can be used in conjunction with a secure protocol, such as secure HTTP (HTTPS), effectively to authenticate the carrier. The MMS publishing system 7 may also provide access control and authentication services, as described further below.

Please replace paragraph [0087] with the following amended paragraph:

[0087] Figure 11 shows an example of a process by which the MMS publishing system 7 can securely provide access to an application in response to a request from a mobile device 3. At block 1101, the MMS publishing system 7 receives, from a mobile device 3, a request to invoke

an application (e.g., location services), in the form of a “*” message. The MMS publishing system 7 then determines at block 1102 whether the source telephone number is an authorized number, using an ACL, for example. If the source telephone number is not authorized, the MMS publishing system 7 denies access to the application at block 1109. If the source telephone number is authorized, then at block 1103 the MMS publishing system 7 attempts to identify the application based on the destination telephone number and any keyword(s) in the request. If the application is not identifiable, determined at block 1104, the MMS publishing system 7 returns an error message to the requester at block 1110. If the application is identifiable, then at block 1105 the MMS publishing system 7 invokes the application, via HTTP for example. The MMS publishing system 7 subsequently receives the result of executing application at block 1106, integrates the result into an MMS message at block 1107, and sends the MMS message containing the result to the requesting mobile device 3 at block 1108.